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SUBJECT: FINLAND AND THE IEP

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1. SUMMARY: FINLAND IS STUDYING POSSIBILITY OF MEMBERSHIP OR SOME FORM OF ASSOCIATION WITH INTERNATIONAL ENERGY AGENCY (IEA) AND PARTICIPATION IN INTERNATIONAL ENERGY PROGRAM (IEP). FACT THAT MAJORITY OF ITS PETROLEUM IS PURCHASED FROM USSR PRESENTS DIFFICULTIES. END SUMMARY.

2. EMBASSY E/C COUNSELLOR ON OCTOBER 30 INFORMED DEPUTY DIRECTOR KAARLO YRJO-KOSKINEN OF ECONOMIC-
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COMMERCIAL DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN MINISTRY OF US ACCEPT-

TANCE OF THE TEXT OF AGREEMENT ESTABLISHING IEP AS
AGREED BY ENERGY COORDINATING GROUP. OTHER INFORMATION
IN STATE 236843 WAS ALSO CONVEYED.

3. YRJO-KOSKINEN EXPRESSED INTEREST AND SAID THAT
FINLAND WAS CONSIDERING ITS OWN ATTITUDE TOWARD IEA AND
IEP. FINLAND HAD RECEIVED TEXT OF AGREEMENT LATE BUT
EXPECTED TO REACH DECISION ON PARTICIPATION IN TIME FOR
MEETING OF OECD COUNCIL IN NOVEMBER. IN GENERAL, FINLAND
WAS FIRM BELIEVER IN INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION ON ENERGY
PROBLEMS, ON AS WIDE A BASE AS POSSIBLE. IT WAS PLEASED
THAT IEA WOULD BE UNDER UMBRELLA OF OECD (PROVIDED THAT
OECD MEMBERS WHO CHOSE NOT TO JOIN IEA WOULD NOT BE
LIABLE FOR HELPING TO FINANCE IT THROUGH OECD BUDGET),
AS PROLIFERATION OF INTERNATIONAL AGENCIES SHOULD BE
AVOIDED.

4. YRJO-KOSKINEN SAID THAT PROVISIONS IN IEP REGARDING
POOLING OF SUPPLIES PRESENTED DIFFICULTIES FOR FINLAND,
WHICH SECURES LARGE PROPORTION OF ITS OIL FROM USSR.
HOWEVER, OTHER PROVISIONS WERE OF GREAT INTEREST, AND
FINLAND MIGHT SEEK SOME SPECIAL FORM OF PARTIAL PARTICI-
PATION IN IEA AND IEP, ESPECIALLY IF SOME OR ALL OTHER
NORDICS PARTICIPATE. EMBOFF POINTED OUT THAT DENMARK
HAD REPORTEDLY DECIDED TO JOIN AND SWEDEN WAS CONSIDERING
MEMBERSHIP.
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